

## REMARKS

Claims 3-25, 27, 37 and 38-39 are pending and under consideration.

Independent claim 3 (used as an example herein) recites acquiring program guide information of the accessible channels being broadcast from a tuner in response to the program guide command and displaying the written program list to a user in response to the program guide command, simultaneously with the acquiring of the program guide information. Thus, displaying the written program list occurs simultaneously with the acquiring.

The Examiner admits that Cuccia does not teach or suggest these features, but instead relies upon Tsinberg. However, this reference does not teach that acquiring occurs simultaneously with the displaying the *program list*. This reference teaches that EPG information of different channels may be acquired while the viewer stays tuned to a particular channel. Tsinberg, col. 5, ln. 47-51. While this portion discusses viewing the "particular channel," there is no discussion of displaying a program list on this particular channel during the acquiring.

Furthermore, at page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Tsinberg can simultaneously perform multi-channel EPG searching and soft PIP display. However, the PIP tuner 8 of Tsinberg is tuned to a selected channel and the CPU 6 displays video information (such as I-frames) in a window inside the image provided by a main tuner. Tsinberg, col. 6, ln. 36-40. Thus, multi-channel EPG searching and PIP display of video frames are what are performed simultaneously. Tsinberg, col. 6, ln. 26-32.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of new claim 39 is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

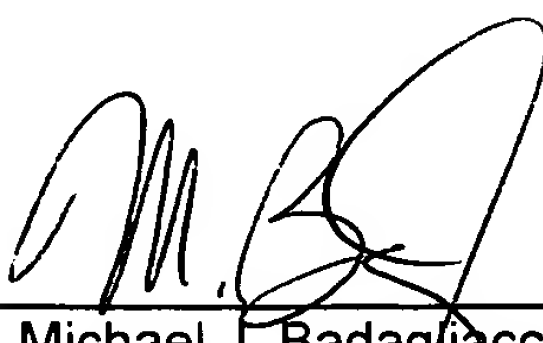
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